

**ABSTRACT**

A fire protection device for preventing damage to a domestic appliance from a malfunction which occurs in the appliance. The fire protection device includes at least one fault current circuit breaker, which disconnects the electrical supply from the appliance when a fault current is sensed. The fire protection device also includes at least one gas sensor which also disconnects the electrical supply from the appliance when a predetermined quantity of a control gas is sensed in the appliance.